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C O N F I D E N T I A L ASUNCION 3750

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SHUM, PA

SUBJ: INTERAMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

REF: ASUNCION 3725

1. FOREIGN MINISTER NOGUES TODAY PROVIDED ME WITH A COPY OF THE NOTE PARAGUAYAN AMBASSADOR LOPEZ ESCOBAR WAS INSTRUCTED TO SEND TO OAS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. TEXT OF UNDATED NOTE IN FREE TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

HIS EXCELLENCY

ANDRES AGUILAR

PRESIDENT OF THE INTERAMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

WASHINGTON, D.C.

MR. PRESIDENT:

ON THE 10TH OF AUGUST, 1977 I HAD THE HONOR OF PERSONALLY DELIVERING TO YOUR EXCELLENCY A DOCUMENT WHICH CONTAINS THE "OBSERVATIONS" OF MY COUNTRY'S GOVERNMENT ON THE "REPORT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN PARAGUAY" PREPARED BY THE COMMISSION WHICH YOU HEAD.

ON THAT OCCASION I EXPRESSED TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT THE PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT FUNDAMENTAL  
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REASONS OF ITS OWN FOREIGN POLICY ON THE ONE HAND, AND IN ADDITION, THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT THE COUNTRY WAS IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARING FOR INTERNAL GENERAL ELECTIONS, PREFERRED THAT THE COMMISSION NOT MAKE THE VISIT FOR WHICH IT HAD REQUESTED OFFICIAL CONSENT LAST FEBRUARY 4.

FURTHER TO MY NOTE OF AUGUST 9, 1977 I NOW WISH TO EXPRESS TO YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT IT IS MY EXPECTATION THAT WHEN THE

COMMISSION STUDIES OUR "OBSERVATIONS" IT WILL NO LONGER CONSIDER  
A VISIT TO PARAGUAY TO BE NECESSARY. NEVERTHELESS, IF THE  
COMMISSION SHOULD NOT AGREE WITH THIS JUDGEMENT WHICH WE CONSIDER  
REASONABLE, THE PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT IS DISPOSED TO RECEIVE  
A VISIT BY THE COMMISSION ON A DATE TO BE SELECTED BY COMMON  
ACCORD.

(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE)

- SIGNED -

ALBERTO NOGUES

MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS

OF PARAGUAY

UNQUOTE.

2. BY LAST SENTENCE OF FINAL PARAGRAPH ABOVE GOP HAS NOW  
PLACED ITSELF ON RECORD WITH IAHRG AS NOT BEING OPPOSED TO AN  
EVENTUAL IAHRG VISIT TO PARAGUAY.  
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